SEP 1 2 2001 <u>ÍN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OF</u>

146.1286

In re Application of: T. SHIMURA et al Serial No.: 9068,253

Filed: May 13, 1998

For: CARTILAGE/BONE...REPARATION

F. Moezie

Group: 1654

600 Third Avenue New York, N.Y. 10016 September 11, 2001

## REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Asst. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

the above-identified application, Applicants Further to respectfully request that the period for response to the outstanding Office Action be extended for one month until

## September 24, 2001.

PTO Form 2038(02-2000) is enclosed herewith to cover the appropriate fee. Should any further extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit account # 02-2275.

> Respectfully submitted, Bierman, Muserlian and Lucas

By:

Charles A. Muserlian #19,683 Attorney for Applicants

Tel.# (212) 661-8000

CAM:ds

Encl.: PTO Form 2038(02-2000)

Return receipt postcard

Amendment

00/17/2001 VTRUCHG1 00000106 09068253

01 FD:115

110.00 OP